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NUCLEAR FACTOR  $\kappa$ B INDUCING FACTOR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Before commencing examination of the above-identified application, please amend as follows.

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**In the Specification**

Page 1, line 1, after the title, insert the following:

**--Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application claims priority to Great Britain Application No. 0018307.9, filed July 26, 2000 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/193,905, filed March 31, 2000.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 63, line 25 and ending at page 64, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

**--Biological Material Useful in Practicing the Invention**

A deposit of Human NFκB inducing factor 7a (NFIF-7a) cloned from a human vascular smooth muscle cell cDNA library subcloned into a pCR2.1 plasmid vector and a deposit of Human NFκB inducing factor 14b (NFIF-14b) cloned from a human vascular smooth muscle cell cDNA library subcloned into a pCR2.1 plasmid vector has been made with the American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209, as indicated below. Access to these cultures will be available during pendency of the patent application to one determined by the Commissioner to be entitled thereto under 35 U.S.C. §122 and 37 C.F.R. §1.14.

<u>Strain/Plasmid</u>	<u>ATCC No.</u>	<u>Deposit Date</u>
Human NfκB inducing factor 14B cloned from human vascular smooth muscle cells cDNA library subcloned into vector pCR2.1: NFIF14B	PTA-1596	March 29, 2000
Human NfκB inducing factor 7A cloned from human vascular smooth muscle cells cDNA library subcloned into vector pCR2.1: NFIF7A	PTA-1597	March 29, 2000--

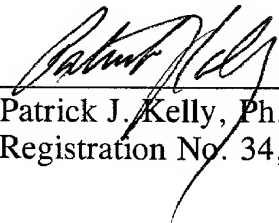
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**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

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